CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-3. (canceled)

- 4. (new) A control system for varying the compression ratio of an engine cylinder, comprising:
- a crankshaft assembly including a maximum limiting stop and a minimum limiting stop;
- a hydraulic positioning device connected to the crankshaft assembly, said positioning device adapted to move the crankshaft assembly within a range defined by the maximum limiting stop and the minimum limiting stop;
 - a constant pressure reservoir.
- a hydraulic connection between the constant pressure reservoir and the hydraulic positioning device.
- 5. (new) The control system of claim 4, wherein a constant pressure is maintained between the hydraulic positioning device reservoir and the constant pressure reservoir.